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BUILDING IN A FLOOD ZONE

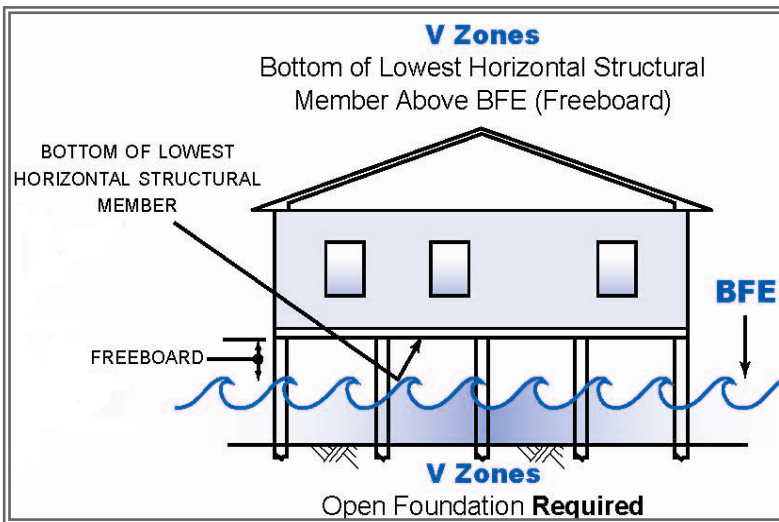
V ZONE

REGULATIONS AND
REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
STRUCTURES IN A DESIGNATED
FLOOD ZONE.



NATURAL COASTAL EVENTS (TSUNAMI, HURRICANE, CYCLONE) CAN FORCE WATER INTO OUR HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, NEW CONSTRUCTION MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:



BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE): THE HEIGHT EXPECTED TO BE REACHED BY THE BASE FLOOD WATERS.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW IF YOU ARE BUILDING IN A “V” ZONE:

- BUILDING AND ITS FOUNDATION MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT FLOTATION, COLLAPSE AND LATERAL MOVEMENT.
- OPEN FOUNDATION AND ELEVATED REQUIRED USING COLUMNS, POST, PIER & PILING REQUIRED
- STRUCTURAL FILL PROHIBITED; NONSTRUCTURAL FILL ALLOWED FOR MINOR LANDSCAPING

